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## SHIPS TO PLY THE MISSISSIPPI.

Sea Going Vessels from Saint Louis to the Gulf.

From Hickman Direct to Liverpool.

Since the opening of the Chicago Drainage Canal there has been a great deal said about the possibility and probability of a ship canal from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Michigan via the Mississippi and Illinois rivers and the drainage canal. Mr. James A. Seddon, who stands at the head of his profession as an engineer, says he has solved the problem of running sea going vessels through the Mississippi Valley. He assumes, that which is a fact, that there is always and at all times in the Mississippi a sufficient amount of water for the largest ship, but it covers too much river bed, and therefore its shallow places. He says the floods destroy the channels, and that if the floods are stopped the river would soon maintain a channel all sufficient. Therefore he says stop the floods. The drainage Canal, excepting 6 miles which is uncompleted, is large enough for the largest ships, from Chicago to Lockport, and the Government must take up the work from Lockport to the Gulf. The cost of a 20 foot waterway to the Mississippi is estimated at sixty million dollars. In flood periods the water is to be held in check by great locks and dams at certain points, of sufficient power and magnitude that the water at Cairo shall never exceed about 41 feet. His plan also is to turn the flood into the St. Francis basin instead of permitting it to go off down the Mississippi to do its fearful work of destruction. The St. Francis basin reaches from Cairo to Helena, about 200 miles long, and from 45 to 65 miles wide, and through this Mr. Seddon would cut a runway through which flood water could be turned at will, and then in low water could be permitted to take its course to the Gulf. Of course there is much more of details, but this is a brief outline of the plan. The estimated cost is about one hundred and fifty million dollars. And, moreover, the plan is approved by leading engineers, and will be pushed by active, brainy men, who can command millions of dollars.

## PROFIT BY THE LESSON.

[From St. Louis Republic.]

It is, as a matter of course, a national duty for the American people to pay the war tax necessary to defray the cost of the campaign in the Philippines and of the recent operations in China—undertakings which have required during the past two months expenditures aggregating \$45,852,052, or an average of about \$764,000 per day.

This enormous disbursement is absorbed by war. Even though the administration at Washington contends that a state of war does not now exist in the Philippines the American people cannot but draw different conclusions from the facts which they are compelled to face. It is a pretty serious war which demands the expenditures now inevitable for the maintenance of our army in the Philippines, which makes necessary the hurried return to Manila of the troops sent to China, which continues to swell the casualty lists reported to the War Department by Gen. McArthur. We should not relish any stronger proofs that we are engaged in a war at the present moment.

But, while paying their war taxes it is proper that the American people should profit by the lesson now being taught. This lesson constitutes a potent illustration of the evils that must attend an American surrender to the policy of Empire and of land-grabbing in the Eastern Hemisphere which is wisely forbidden by the sound American doctrine now so openly disregarded. At the very beginning of the new order of things brought about by the greed of Empire the cost to the American people has reached a total of nearly \$1,000,000 per day. A war that must inevitably develop into a prolonged war for the extermination of 8,000,000 people is now on in the Philippines. The menace of war with some first class Power grows greater the more we meddle with affairs in the Old World. The price in money and blood of the new American policy of imperialism promises to be appalling. It is not probable that the American people will consent to fasten this burden upon themselves at the dictation of the American trusts who are using the Government as a trust possession.

AUSTRIA is the one country in the world which never puts a woman in prison. Instead of giving a female prisoner so many months in jail she is sent, no matter how terrible is her record, to one or other of the convents devoted for the purpose and kept there during the time for which she is sentenced. The convent is not a mere prison in disguise, for its court yards stand open all day long, the only bar to egress being a man who acts as portress, just as in other convents.

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### Gen. Palmer Dead.

Gen. John M. Palmer, ex U. S. Senator from Illinois, and late gold democratic nominee for President, died, in Springfield, Ill., Tuesday. He was 83. He was sick only about 24 hours.

The increase in population under the new census calls for redistricting and additional members in Congress from most States.

### Hickman and Tiptonville Levee.

MEMPHIS, TENN., Sept. 25.—Bids for the construction of the Lake county levee have been opened by J. C. Harris, Chairman of the Lake County Levee Commission, at Tiptonville, Tenn. The specifications call for five miles of new levee work, the cost of which will be \$83,964.75. This is covered by a bond issue of \$100,000. The contract for the work was awarded to T. H. Carey at 13.99 cents per cubic yard.

### Truthful Funeral Sermon.

A preacher at Ft. Scott, Kan., delivered a brief but truthful funeral sermon the other day. Here it is: "A word to you all. Post mortem praises are in the air. People kiss their dead who never stop to kiss their living. They hover over an open casket in hysterical sobs, but fail to throw their arms around their loved ones who are fighting the stern battles of life. A word of cheer to the struggling soul in life is worth more than all the roses of Christendom piling high over casket covers."

### LACLEDE HOTEL CASE.

#### Judge Sets the Jury's Verdict Aside.

The Fulton Circuit Court was occupied pretty much all last week in the trial of the case of the Dickson Brick Co. vs. S. J. Curlin, known as the Laclede Hotel case. The Dickson Brick Co. sued for \$22,000. Curlin claiming contract price at \$11,200, but admitting some extra work agreed to amounting to several hundred dollars, and claiming damages for defective work. The jury returned a verdict allowing the Dickson Brick Co. \$4,852.50 for extra work, over the contract \$11,200, and also allowing Mr. Curlin damages to the amount of \$902.25, which, after crediting the judgment with \$7,400 previously paid, left him indebted to the Dickson Brick Co. about \$8,000. Judge Robbins set the verdict of the jury aside, not being able to approve same, and rendered a judgment giving the Dickson Brick Co. \$4,051, with interest from date of judgment, and ordering property to be sold to satisfy said judgment. And from this both plaintiff and defendant prayed an appeal, which was granted.

### POSTAL FRAUDS.

The Cuban postal frauds have been investigated and the report printed. Judging from the extracts printed Wednesday it is an interesting document with dashes of grim humor.

That Messrs. Neely and Rathbone succeeded in having a good time at the government's expense is evident. Mr. Neely's misappropriation of funds and Mr. Rathbone's carelessness are clearly established. The story of the director general's "official" carriage, "official" residence and "official" traveling expenses would be amusing were it not so serious. The sudden wealth displayed by M. Neely the month after he began drawing his salary of \$1800 a year and the luxury of Mr. Rathbone, for as "the transportation of Fannie (a dog) to Havana, \$22.50," show the utter nonchalance of these Cuban postal officials.

### Howard Found Guilty.

Jim Howard one of the men charged with the assassination of Gov. Goebel, whose trial has been in progress at Frankfort the past two weeks, on Wednesday was found guilty by the verdict of the jury, and his punishment fixed at death. The proof against him was that he was in the building at the time Goebel was killed, that immediately afterwards he was seen running from the grounds, and that he afterwards acknowledged to different persons that he did kill Goebel. This much was proven against him, but it is also true that he proved by witnesses that he was elsewhere at the time of the shooting; and it was true that both sides introduced witnesses to prove the incredibility of the other side's witnesses. The defendant prayed for a new trial, and failing in that will appeal the case.

### Vote Bryan Expects to Elect.

The following is taken from what is represented as the National Democratic Campaign Committee's calculations:

It is virtually conceded by the Republican shortstops that Kentucky, West Virginia and Maryland will go to Bryan, and that the Nebraskan will capture the electoral vote in nearly all States carried by him in 1896.

The following tabulation indicates the importance of Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia in the electoral computation:

Electoral vote cast for Bryan in 1896	176
Kentucky	12
Maryland	8
West Virginia	7
Illinois	24

Total	226
Necessary to elect	234

Bryan received one of the thirteen electoral votes in Kentucky four years ago, and therefore only twelve votes are added to the 1896 quota in the foregoing table. It is believed by the conservative leaders of the party, however, that Mr. Bryan may lose a few electoral votes in the West and that the electoral vote of Indiana, in addition to Illinois, Ohio or New York, will be necessary to save the election.

### Cuba Frets for Entire Freedom.

General Francisco Diaz, who has returned from Cuba on a leave of absence is at the Shoreham. Speaking of the situation in Cuba he said:

The Cubans have held their local elections preliminary to the establishment of a government for the island, and will meet in convention November 5 to provide for the machinery of government. By the terms of the fourth clause of the resolution of intervention to secure the freedom of Cuba, Congress disclaimed any intention to exercise sovereignty over Cuba, except for the pacification of the island, and promised to leave the government and control of the island to its people, when that should be accomplished.

"Under this declaration steps have been taken looking to the establishment of a stable government by the people. In the exercise of franchise those who served in the army of the revolution against Spain are excepted from the restriction placed upon the voter that he must be possessed of \$200 worth of property or be able to read and write. All who served in the revolutionary army are at liberty to vote without restriction.

The revolutionary party which has been largely successful in the recent elections, desires immediate independence, without any sort of protectorate, control or supervision by the United States, and the immediate withdrawal of the American troops. The more conservative people, merchants and business men, many of whom are Spanish, and the Cubans of some wealth and substantial business interests, together with the foreigners, of whom there are many, desire continuance of the supervision of the United States.

### 98 Spiders in His Ear.

Kennett, Mo., Democrat: This sounds like a fish story, but it is nevertheless true: One day last week the eight year old son of James Hawkins, living one mile north of Seneth, complained of having a severe headache. On examination there was discovered a large spider in his ear. Some simple remedy was applied to remove the spider and twenty one ran out at one time, after which they got Dr. Lawrence of Seneth, who took out in all 98 large, grown spiders of the round black variety, and on Monday of this week his father took him to Hornersville to Dr. Young, who, by the aid of the X-rays took out of the ear three balls of eggs and a hand full of webs.

### 20,000 TO BREAKFAST.

21,870 Servants Were in Attendance.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—Under a tent covering 35,000 square meters, 20,000 breakfasted as the guests of France in the Tuileries Gardens to-day. The banquet was given by President Loubet to the Mayors of the municipalities of France in honor of the Exposition.

It can safely be said that such a prodigious repast was never before undertaken. The arrangements had been going forward for some weeks and resulted in such excellence of detail that the event was carried to perfection without a hitch.

### HELD UP AT UNION CITY.

Dr. Hall Beaten and Robbed.

Sunday night, Dr. W. H. Hall, a well known citizen of Union City, when on his way home, was knocked down, with 4 heavy blows on the head, and robbed of \$9 in silver. Dr. Hall, who is a cripple, was left for dead, but dragged himself to his home. The country was scourred for his assailants. His hurts are painful and serious, but not considered fatal.